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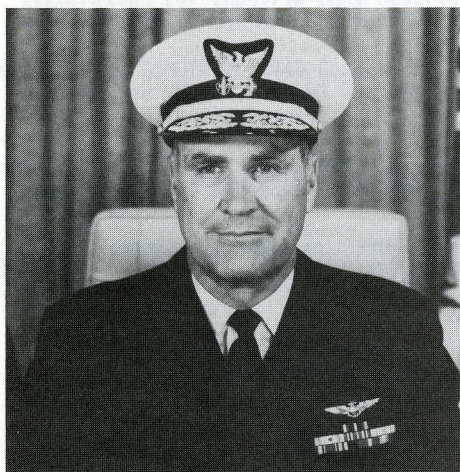
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New Commandant has Varied Experience



Rear Admiral Owen W. SILER has been nominated to be the next Commandant of the Coast Guard. RADM SILER will assume the post upon the retirement of Admiral Chester R. BENDER on May 31, 1974.

RADM SILER is presently Commander of the Second Coast Guard District.

RADM SILER has taken a personal interest in Reserve activities in the 22 states that are included in the Second Coast Guard District. Under his guidance, Coast Guard Reserve Units have effectively augmented the work of Regular Coast Guard forces in boating safety work and many other mission areas.

He was also the first Coast Guard District Commander to utilize a new law to involuntarily call Reserve forces into the Coast Guard during the time of a natural disaster. This happened during the great spring flood of 1973 along the Mississippi River Valley.

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THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER

Last year, a study dealing with inactive duty Reserve officer promotions was completed at Headquarters. After thorough review and certain modifications I considered necessary, recommendations were submitted to the Commandant. The Commandant recently approved very nearly all of the recommendations. Furthermore, approval was received in time to apply the key provisions to a Reserve LCDR to CDR selection board that was about to convene.

These key provisions are two-fold: to provide more equitable promotion opportunity; and greater opportunity for a full service (20 year) career in the Coast Guard Reserve--within authority of existing law.

Regarding more equitable promotion opportunity, a Reserve officer becomes eligible for selection for promotion, i.e. moves into the promotion zone, when his Regular running mate becomes eligible. Since varying numbers of Reserve officers are attached to the same active duty running mate, promotion zones differ, and often widely, in size. Additionally, the number of vacancies are not the same from year to year. The result is that promotion opportunity percentages (vacancies divided by number in the zone) vary from year to year. From now on, we will use promotion opportunity percentages for promotion to each grade above LTJG and below RADM derived by projecting zones and vacancies for up to five

years. These will be recomputed each year, thereby providing promotion opportunity percentages that will fluctuate only within a narrow range among successive year groups in these grades.

This new policy also provides greater opportunity for a full service (20 year) career, however, not necessarily always in a pay status. It has been policy with respect to those Reserve officers who twice fail of selection but have completed at least 18 satisfactory years to retain them for a maximum of three additional years to complete 20 satisfactory years. This will continue. Additionally, LCDR's and CDR's with less than 18 satisfactory years will be selectively retained. This will be based upon recommendation for retention by the board which for a second time fails to select them for promotion. The principal, but by no means the sole criterion for recommendation will be a record of active participation in the Coast Guard Reserve--normally, not less than 85% satisfactory years in total service. Such officers will be retained for not more than the exact minimum number of years required to complete 20 satisfactory years, plus one additional year.

There were two other important provisions. A promotion opportunity percentage of not less than 25% is established for promotion for CAPT and I plan to increase this to

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about 30-35% for the next board. This means that more CDR's will be promoted and that fewer CAPT's will be retained by continuation board action. Also, an overhaul of Chapter 21, Title 14, U.S. Code (Coast Guard Reserve legislation) is well underway.

I consider these approved recommendations a milestone in Reserve officer promotion policy, particularly those features providing more equitable promotion opportunity and greater career opportunity. This will afford security to deserving officers who are not selected under the "best qualified" system at least in part because of our limited billet structure in the CAPT and CDR grades. These features should also encourage qualified enlisted reservists to seek direct commissions where previously they may have been reluctant to give up the relatively more secure career opportunity our enlisted reservists enjoy.

The Coast Guard Reserve needs junior officers on a continuing basis. If you believe you may be qualified, I urge you to consider a career as an officer under these more equitable promotion and career provisions.

J. E. Johansen
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Los Angeles Police officers Robert SIMMONS and Jimmy BURG as well as BURG's daughter Denise DENNIS are sworn into the CG Reserve, all as first class petty officers. PS1 SIMMONS and PS1 BURG stated that they liked boating and port security fits right in with their police work. YN1 DENNIS saw the recruiting brochures at home and decided to enlist. All three are now working with the Base Terminal Island Boating Safety Detachment.

Reserve Boat Crew Aids Ill Merchant Seaman

On the morning of 5 January 1974, three reservists from ORTUPS 08-82550 and a Regular corpsman from Port Safety Station Houston evacuated a seriously ill merchant seaman from his ship in the Houston Ship Channel.

The seaman had suffered a heart-attack. Although the ship's crew administered first aid, including

COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION

The following table indicates the entitlement of reservists and their dependents to use exchange and commissary facilities. [There is also action pending to permit Selected Reservists and non-paid drilling reservists to use exchange facilities on any two specified days of the month - not necessarily their drill dates. This has not yet been approved however.]

Exchange (Unlimited, including grocery section)

RESERVISTS may use the exchange:

On their normal drill dates [non-paid drilling reservists are entitled to purchase "convenience" items only on their scheduled drill date]

While performing ACDUTRA of any duration [with or without pay]

If hospitalized as a result of illness or injury incurred during INACDUTRA or ACDUTRA @

DEPENDENTS may use the exchange:

When the reservist sponsor is performing ACDUTRA in excess of 72 hours duration.

Commissary

RESERVISTS may use the commissary:

While performing ACDUTRA in excess of 72 hours duration [with or without pay]

If hospitalized as a result of illness or injury incurred during INACDUTRA or ACDUTRA @

DEPENDENTS may use the commissary:

When the reservist sponsor is performing ACDUTRA in excess of 72 hours duration

Identification Required

RESERVISTS require the following identification:

DD Form 2 (Res.) (pink military ID card)

A copy of the applicable orders

DEPENDENTS require the following identification:

A copy of applicable ACDUTRA orders

Adequate identification to establish identity, eligibility (i.e. dependency in the case of older children, etc.) and relationship to the sponsoring reservist.

@ A hospitalized reservist may designate someone to purchase for him, but his dependents may not purchase on their own during such hospitalization.

oxygen; the patient was cyanotic, unconscious, and had a previous history of serious heart trouble including open heart surgery. The master of the SS Brooklyn recognized the need for immediate evacuation and called the Coast Guard.

The CG-30527 was dispatched, manned by reservists FTI R. K. THOMPSON,

EN2 A. L. VERM, and SN D. TRAYLOR, along with HM2 HEARD from PSS Houston. The boat arrived on scene in 37 minutes and evacuated the patient to a hospital where he was last reported doing well. Case Closed!! Another example of reservists performing work with their regular counterparts -- to get the job done.

Current Directives

In order to keep all reservists informed of recent directives affecting the Reserve, all directives issued by the Office of Reserve since October are listed. Those marked by a star (★) are of particular importance to the entire Reserve. Others may be of personal importance or interest to you. Your unit has these available for you to consult for complete details.

10-2-73 COMDTNOTE 9820 (ALDIST 280) Operation of 31 Foot Port Security Boats.

10-2-73 COMDTNOTE 9820 Visual Identification Markings on Reserve Small Boats.

10-16-73 COMDTNOTE 1418 Servicewide Examination for Inactive Duty Reserve Personnel; information concerning.

★10-31-73 COMDTNOTE 1440 Consolidation of the MM, EN, and BT Ratings in the Coast Guard Reserve.

★11-9-73 COMDTNOTE 1571 Schedule for Reserve ACDUTRA Schools, November 73 to May 74.

★11-15-73 COMDTNOTE 1440 Diagonal Changes in Rate and Rating in the Coast Guard Reserve.

11-20-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 321) Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selection Board (CAPT).

11-23-73 COMDTNOTE 8370 Small Arms Policy.

12-5-73 COMDTINST 9820.18 Operating Guidelines and Reporting Requirements for Reserve Small Boats (Note: This COMDTINST canceled the Reserve Small Boat Manual, CG-399).

12-13-73 COMDTNOTE 1710 Reserve Officer Participation in 1974 CIOR competitions; information concerning.

12-21-73 COMDTINST 1001.23 Initial ACDUTRA for Coast Guard Reserve Personnel in the RP and RL Programs.

12-26-73 COMDTNOTE 1401, CH-1 to COMDTNOTE 1401 of 4-16-73, Subj: Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Boards, FY 73 and 74.

12-28-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 348) RPA Selection Board.

★1-4-74 First edition of the Reserve Training Activities Manual, CG-392. This manual supersedes the ACDUTRA Catalog.

1-4-74 COMDTNOTE 7400 Certification of the Unit Attendance Record (CGHQ-4457) and/or INACDUTRA Certification Card (CGHQ-4455).

★1-8-74 Amendment 31 to Administrative Manual for Coast Guard Reserve, CG-296, with changes to chapters 2, 4, 5, 7, and 12, as well as a new index.

1-17-74 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 014) Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selections (CAPT).

1-25-74 COMDTNOTE 1001 (ALDIST 026) CH-1 to COMDTINST 1001.23, Subj: Initial ACDUTRA for Ready Reserve Personnel in the RP and RL Programs.

★1-25-74 COMDTNOTE 1417 December 1974 Warrant Officer Examination for Appointment to Warrant Officer (W-1) for Coast Guard Reserve Inactive Duty Personnel; information concerning.

★1-25-74 COMDTNOTE 1571 Solicitation of Instructor/Administrator and Support Personnel for Reserve Training Programs at RTC Yorktown.

1-28-74 COMDTINST 7132.4C Reserve Training Appropriation; financial management of.

1-30-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 303) Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selection Board (CAPT).

2-1-74 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 036) Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selection Board (LCDR).

★2-4-74 COMDTNOTE 5055 Status Report of the Recommendations of the 1972 (FY 73) National Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board.

2-14-74 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 042) CH-1 to COMDTNOTE 1401 of 2-1-74 (ALDIST 036), Subj: Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selection Board (LCDR).

2-27-74 COMDTNOTE 1130. Incentive Program for Regular Service Coast Guard Petty Officers in Pay Grades E-4 and E-5 to join the Selected Reserve in the RJ Program.

★2-28-74 COMDTNOTE 7220 Coast Guard Reserve Inactive Duty Training Pay/Point System, problems and planned corrective action.

3-1-74 COMDTNOTE 1571 Schedule of Reserve ACDUTRA Schools, June 74 to February 75.

3-1-74 COMDTNOTE 1571 Solicitation of Instructor/Administrator and Support Personnel for Reserve Training Programs at PARTS, Alameda.

Reservists Work On Harbor Survey

Coast Guard reservists from the San Diego Reserve Units are currently augmenting the Coast Guard Office of Research and Development by conducting a surface current survey of San Diego Bay. The four month old project is being headed by LT Tom JOHNSON, who in civilian life is a graduate student and research assistant at Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla.

The program, designed and directed by USCG Research and Development Center in Groton, Connecticut entails taking measurements of surface current velocity, water temperature and salinity at each of fourteen stations throughout San Diego Bay four days each month. The data collected by the reservists will be processed and analyzed by the R and D Center in conjunction with the "Transportation Induced Pollution Surveillance" (TIPS) program. The study will provide valuable information on wind/current interactions which can be applied to SAR and pollution related research.

Reserve Unit 11-82740 initiated the request to establish the San Diego survey approximately one year ago. LT JOHNSON spent two weeks in San Francisco last summer learning the various measuring techniques that would be required, and he, in turn, trained two four-man teams from the San Diego Reserve units to carry out the project.

At the present time current surveys are being conducted in New York, San Francisco, and Galveston Harbors. The San Diego survey, however; is the only one being conducted solely by Coast Guard reservists.

Courses Can Be Mailed To Home

Correspondence course completion should become easier, at least from an administrative standpoint, with the introduction of the policy to send courses directly from the Coast Guard Institute to the homes of reservists.

Commencing 15 March 1974, reservists enrolling in Coast Guard Institute courses may specify an address of choice to receive the lesson material and grade reports. Lessons may be submitted directly to the Institute without going via the unit. The direct mailing is optional except in the case of classified courses which will continue to be sent only to the unit where it is to be maintained under proper security procedures.

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The reservist participating in the "mail home" process is to specify an address of choice in the "Additional Remarks" section of the course application, form CGI-2100. Reservists enrolled in courses before the initiation of this policy may have grade reports sent directly to an address of choice by advising the Institute of the desired address by letter or memo.

The reservist is responsible for providing correct address information to the Institute. Changes of address are to be reported by letter or memo--not by use of the unit address correction on the answer sheet. All correspondence with the Institute should include Name, Social Security Number, and Title of Course in which enrolled.

This change will benefit reservists since course receipt should be expedited. Lesson submission and subsequent grade reports will have reduced lag time. Reservists spending most drill time at an augmentation site will have less complicated course participation opportunity.

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Owen Wesley SILER was born in Seattle, Washington, on January 10, 1922. He graduated from Santa Maria High School, California, and in 1940, received an Associate Arts Degree from Santa Maria Junior College. He entered the Coast Guard Academy in July of 1940 and was commissioned an Ensign in June of 1943.

His jobs in the Coast Guard have ranged from Duty Officer on the USS HUNTER LIGGETT during World War II to Commander of the Coast Guard's largest district within the continental United States.

During his two-year assignment aboard the HUNTER LIGGETT, RADM SILER

served as gunnery officer, assistant navigator and deck watch officer. He took part in the invasion of Bougainville while aboard the ship in November of 1943.

In 1945 he moved on to another assault troop transport, the USS BAYFIELD and participated in the occupation of Northern Honshu in Japan after the war.

His first peace time duty came in April of 1946 when he became Personnel Officer at the Service's training station in Alameda, California. From there he was assigned on the Cutter TANEY at Alameda and in January, 1947, was assigned as Assistant Communications Officer for the 11th Coast Guard District at Long Beach, Calif.

RADM SILER saw his chance to be a Coast Guard aviator and began flight training at Naval Air Training Bases in Corpus Christi, Texas, and Pensacola, Fla. He received his wings in July of 1948 and flew his first aerial patrols and search and rescue missions out of the Coast Guard Air Station, Port Angeles, Washington.

He then attended the Naval all-weather flying school at Corpus Christi in 1952 before reporting for a two-year assignment at the Coast Guard Air Detachment at Barbers Point, Hawaii.

He saw duty as an aide to the Commandant and administrative pilot at Coast Guard Headquarters from mid-1954 to mid-1959. After the Headquarters tour he returned to Corpus Christi, this time as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Air Station.

In 1962 RADM SILER became the Chief, Search and Rescue Branch for the 17th Coast Guard District in Juneau, Alaska. After two years in the North he returned to warm weather and served as both Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the Coast

Guard Air Station in Miami, Fla.

While he was in command the station received a Unit Commendation for the Cuban exodus operations in October and November of 1965. During the two months the Air Station took part in 85 assistance cases and with other units in the area helped deliver 8,100 refugees to Key West, Fla.

Leaving Miami, the then-Captain SILER began a year as a student at the National War College in Washington, D.C. On graduating in June of 1967 he was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters where he served until receiving appointment as Rear Admiral July 1, 1971. He then assumed the Command of the Second Coast Guard District.

RADM SILER and his wife, Bette (Walford) have two children; a daughter, Marsha and a son, Gregory.

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